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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Jueterbog airfield between 24 September and 1 October 1954: 25X1

24 September. No air activity was conducted at the field. Between 1100 and 1130, a jet engine was repeatedly run up on the test stand. Maintenance work was being done on the aircraft and motor vehicles. At 1030, 36 ground attack aircraft flying in wedge formation and coming from the direction of Luckenwalde crossed over the firing range. 25X1

25 September. At 1000, 6 Il-28s with auxiliary fuel tanks landed at the field. The aircraft were at first parked in front of the northwestern hangar; about 1800, they were towed to the site in front of the northern hangar and covered with tarpaulins.

26 September. At 0800, there was air activity by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s. Two aircraft, including one towing a sleeve target, were continuously observed flying over the firing range up to about 1600. During the air activity, firing with machine guns was heard from the firing range. Occasionally, four aircraft were seen over the firing range.

27 September. At noon, 16 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s from the northern hangars were parked at the eastern end of the runway. These aircraft conducted air activity up to 1800. Three MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s alternately towed a sleeve target over the field. Two jet fighters attacked the sleeve target and gave two bursts of fire each with aircraft machine guns. The attacking aircraft always flew in elements of two. 25X1

28 September. At 0800, 16 jet fighters were being towed out of the western hangars to the east end of the runway. The aircraft made flights in formations of two and four up to about 1400. They headed toward Kammersdorf. Between 0900 and 1050, 6 Il-28s with auxiliary fuel tanks individual flew in the direction of Kammersdorf. About 1400, it began to rain and air activity by jet fighters was discontinued. At about 1700, ground attack aircraft in formations of four flew over the airfield.

29 September. After 0730, jet fighters were towed out of the northern hangars to the east end of the runway. A total of 16 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked there and flew individually in the direction of the firing range. There, local flights were made by a jet fighter, which had taken off shortly before the other jet fighters, towing a sleeve target. Up to about 1700, jet fighters flew over the airfield and mostly attacked sleeve targets towed by other jet fighters. In the course of the day, 2 Il-28s with auxiliary fuel tanks circled over the firing range for 30 minutes and subsequently landed at Jueterbog airfield at intervals of 12 minutes. After the landing, the two aircraft taxied

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to the northwestern hangar. When air activity was discontinued, the following Il-28s were parked at the field:

Two Il-28s without fuel tanks in front of the northwestern hangar;
Six Il-28s with auxiliary fuel tanks around the small wood east of the northwestern hangar; they were parked at wide intervals. The jet fighters were probably parked in the hangars the doors of which were closed.

30 September. About 0800, eight jet fighters were being towed out of the middle hangar in the western section of the field. At 0900, a MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 took off and practiced flying for about 20 minutes. Beginning at 1000, an element of two and an individual aircraft alternately took off at intervals of 20 minutes. At 1130, air activity was discontinued because of rain. Between 1000 and 1035, an Il-28 towing a sleeve target flew over the firing range, from which firing with light AA guns was heard. Between 1600 and 1700, two Il-28s flew toward the firing range from which they returned after 30 minutes.

1 October. Between 1130 and 1210, an Il-28 towing a sleeve target flew over the firing range; the sleeve target was fired on by light AA guns. The same exercise was held by another Il-28 between 1630 and 1720. At 1430, all the jet fighters were towed from the hangars into the revetments where they were covered with tarpaulins and camouflaged with branches. The same was also done with the motor vehicles. The alert was sounded and lasted one hour. Three Il-28s took off and crossed the field in wedge formation several times.

2. The personnel of the Il-28s or about 25 officers and 30 EM were quartered in the buildings formerly occupied by gypsies.
3. On 30 September, eight railroad tank cars were shunted to the fuel dump.

4. Between 1400 and 1700 on 24 September, 34 jet fighters and 1 Il-28 were parked at the field and arranged as follows:

13 jet fighters in front of the northern hangars;
17 jet fighters, some of them with auxiliary fuel tanks, parked side-by-side in front of the western hangars;
4 aircraft with auxiliary fuel tanks at the eastern end of the runway;
1 Il-28 in front of the northwestern hangar.

A tank truck and a radio truck were still parked at the take-off point. All of the hangars were open and apparently vacant. There was no air activity throughout the day.

5. The AA gun emplacement at the eastern edge of the field between the railroad lines was still occupied by 6 x 37 mm AA guns.

1. Comment. Jueterbog airfield is believed to be still occupied by two fighter regiments. The additional Il-28s which have repeatedly been reported are used as AA target representations.

A similar alert practice was held at other airfields.

Ground attack aircraft which crossed over Jueterbog on 24 and 28 September 1954 probably belong to the ground attack division in Brandenburg.

2. Comment. The same information on the AA gun emplacement has repeatedly been received.

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